

**Town of Amherst
Planning Commission Minutes
December 3, 2008**

A meeting of the Town of Amherst Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson June Driskill in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 7:30 PM on December 3, 2008. It was noted that a quorum was present as indicated below:

P June Driskill	A William Jones
A Lyle Garrette	P Steve LaBar
P William Hathaway	P Richard Wydner
	P Mike Mozingo

Town Manager Jack Hobbs was present in his capacity as Secretary to the Commission.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Mozingo to the Commission.

The minutes of the November 5, 2008 Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Wydner, seconded by Mr. Hathaway, and carried 5-0 according to the following:

June Driskill	Aye	William Jones	Absent
Lyle Garrette	Absent	Steve LaBar	Aye
William Hathaway	Aye	Richard Wydner	Aye
		Mike Mozingo	Aye

By consensus the Commission agreed to delay the election of officers until all members are present.

Transportation/Pedestrian Plan

Scott Smith from the Region 2000 Local Government Council came forward to lead a discussion on his agency's transportation and pedestrian planning project. Items of concern include:

- Preparing a sidewalk inventory and wish list
- Investigating the safe routes to school program
- Augmenting VDOT project lists with transportation improvements the Town desires
- Installation of sidewalk along U.S. Route 60
- "Motorized scooters" that use either sidewalks or streets
- Urban development areas as defined by the Code of Virginia
- Corridor management
- Access management
- Identification of areas that would be stressed by anticipated development

Draft Comprehensive Plan

Comments on the draft comprehensive plan from the Amherst Police Department, VDOT, Region 2000 Local Government Council, Amherst County Public Safety Department and Region 2000 Economic Development Council were received.

Mr. Smith indicated that he would take the lead in addressing all transportation-related issues. Mr. Hobbs indicated that he would summarize all of the other comments received and recommend an action (or inaction) for each.

The Secretary distributed a copy of a projected 2009 meeting calendar and reported that work on the planning and zoning forms is ongoing.

There being no further business, Mr. Hathaway made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Wydner and carried 5-0 according to the following to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM:

June Driskill	Aye	William Jones	Absent
Lyle Garrette	Absent	Steve LaBar	Aye
William Hathaway	Aye	Richard Wydner	Aye
		Mike Mozingo	Aye

June Driskill, Chairperson

Attest: _____